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MEDIA RELEASE

Special Investigations Group Arrest Convicted Felon with Ghost Guns, Cocaine

On March 15, 2023, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Group (SIG), a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) funded task force, concluded a long-term investigation, resulting in the arrest of a convicted felon, who is a documented street gang member.

The investigation focused on an individual, Joshua A. Jackson, 26, of the 500 block of Grandview Drive, Round Lake Park, who was distributing narcotics.

On March 15th, members of the Sheriff's Special Investigations Group conducted a search warrant at Jackson's home. During the search of Jackson's home SIG detectives recovered:

- Three firearms, two of which were ghost guns (guns with no serial number)
- Two suppressors – designed to 'silence' or reduce the sound of gunfire
- A firearm drum magazine, capable of holding approximately 50 rounds of ammunition
- An extended firearm magazine
- Numerous additional firearm magazines
- Hundreds of rounds of ammunition
- Parts and tools to used to assemble 'ghost guns'
- Over 70 grams of packaged cocaine for distribution

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:

- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute (Class X Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony)
- Three Counts of Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (Class 3 Felonies)

Unlawful Possession of ammunition (Class 2 Felony)

Unlawful Possession of a Suppressor (Class 3 Felony)

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, “I am grateful our Special Investigations Group investigated and arrested this convicted felon before he had an opportunity to use or sell these firearms. We will continue our efforts to apprehend violent offenders and those who traffic drugs in Lake County.”

Round Lake Park Police were an integral part of the investigation.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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